

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Commissioners Bruce Levi and Mark Bacon were also present.

Gerald Mohr called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND**

Ordinance 2015-4 establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund was repealed since the Board of Commissioners was the appropriate body to establish the fund. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the ordinance. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Recorder Kevin Spilman requested an additional appropriation \$5,000 in the Recorders ID Security Protection Fund. Charles Smith moved to approve the appropriation and Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashley Stevens Director of Community Corrections explained that the Community Correction Grant budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 was approved by the State of Indiana for \$158,764.00 and now it must be appropriated by the County Council. Warren Norris initiated the motion to approve the appropriation. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stevens then request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$123,500.00 for the State approved User Fee Fund. The motion was approved with Marvin Hedrick making the motion and Scott Barnes seconding the motion. Motion carried.

### **APC DIRECTOR TRANSFER**

Auditor Beard presented a transfer of funds from APC Consultant to APC Executive Director in the amount of \$13,000 to allow payroll to continue for the director. Steve McCorkle moved to approve the transfer. Warren Norris seconded the motion. The motion was denied on a 3 to 4 vote. After a discussion, Marvin Hedrick moved to transfer \$3,000 for payroll encouraging the APC Board to offer guidance with the problems in the APC office. Charles Smith seconded motion. Motion approved with Scott Barnes offering an opposing vote.

## **EMS REPORTS**

Fire Chief Verlin Custer appeared before the Council to present the six month emergency medical service run report according to the department's contract.

Anderson Township also submitted their required report.

## **RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Rush Memorial Hospital represented by board members Kip Burkett and Denny Corn appeared to report the state of the Hospital. Mr. Burkett thanked the Council for the appointment. Burkett share information on a new computer system, a patient portal, the success of the walk-in clinic, a new in-patient hospice service, and the collaboration of cardiac services with St. Vincent Hospital. Mr. Corn explained that the hospital is in the process of securing a cataract surgeon, they are working on a roof project and reported that the hospital has donated security cameras to the Rushville Boys & Girls Club. The Council shared that membership to "Star Flight" air ambulance service should be promoted.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Darren Bates owner of Data Pitstop explained the various methods of applying the county's income tax. Bates described how the tax caps, initiated by the State Legislature, minimizes the amount of taxes collected based on the limitation of captured assessed value. Mr. Bates shared that a recent change in the law would allow Rush County to adopt a Public Safety local income tax. Bates recommended that the Homestead LOIT be repealed and replaced with the Public Safety LOIT.

## **JAIL**

Commissioner Bruce Levi asked that two appraisals be allowed for the possible purchase of the Pavey property that could be included in the new jail plans. It was agreed that the appraisals be allowed. The Jail Study Committee will meet at 10:30 today.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan submitted his department's six month activity report. Cowan reported 35 inmates in the jail and also noted that the two Dodge Chargers seemed to be repaired after twelve weeks in the repair shop.

## **CAGIT INCREASE**

Attorney Leigh Morning informed the Council that November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to adopt the special income tax for jail construction approved during the last legislative session for taxes imposed in 2016. Janet Kile moved to start the process and detail analysis for the adoption of the jail tax. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith  
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile  
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick  
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes  
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle  
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor